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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

**Has Pneumonia**—  
Jacob Hall, employed on the tug Wallula, is ill at St. Mary's with pneumonia. He is a very sick man but it is thought he will recover.

**Citizenship**—  
Declaration of intention to take out citizenship papers was filed yesterday by William Hoglund, native of Finland.

**Seeding The Lawn**—  
The court house lawn, has been worked into most excellent shape and yesterday it was sowed with grass seed. The grass ought to come up finely, with the present showers and the expected sunshine. A mixture of four kinds of seed was used in the sowing.

**Off For Seattle**—  
Rev. Wm. Seymour Short, rector of Grace church, and Frank Spittle, the attorney, will leave today for Seattle, where they go as delegates to the eighth missionary district conference of the Episcopal church. The meeting is one of much importance and will be attended by many men prominent in that church.

**Made Brief Visit**—  
Fred Muller, secretary of the Portland Board of Trade, stopped off in this city for a couple of hours last evening, during the stay of the steamer Senator here. Mr. Muller is an old time friend of John H. Whyte, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and he looked Mr. Whyte up for a brief visit.

**Woman Is Safe And Sound**—  
Several weeks ago reports from San Francisco stated that Mrs. Edith Haasing, who had formerly worked at Seaside and in this city, where she has relatives, was missing. A letter received by the Astoria police department from the San Francisco police now states that she is safe and sound, and with her husband. No explanation of her reported trouble was vouchsafed in the letter.

**He Pleads Guilty**—  
Lee Forrester, the logger from Sveasen, who was accused of "slugging" Fred Chapin in the eye several days ago, came into town yesterday and pleaded guilty before Justice Goodman to a charge of assault and battery. He was fined \$14, and in addition received a lecture from the justice. Forrester is a great big fellow and Chapin is a comparatively small man.

**Teachers Are Coming**—  
All is in readiness for the teachers' institute to be held in this city Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Warren, the county superintendent, has secured the use of the large room set apart as the judge's chambers, just to the rear of the circuit court room, for the sessions, and yesterday about 75 chairs were placed therein.

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A piano will be installed today. Three teachers came in yesterday, two from the Nehalem. They were Miss Edith Campbell, of the Jewell school; Miss Mamie Ready, of Elsie school, district No. 24, and Miss Eulalia Reed, of Elsie No. 35.

**Is a Rabid Fan**—  
Thomas Dealey, the city treasurer, was up in Portland over Sunday, and while there witnesses the baseball between Portland and Los Angeles. Yesterday Mr. Dealey told friends all about the game, and he made his hearers sorry that they had not witnessed the contest. Portland won in the ninth when one of her men knocked out a home run with the bases full. No wonder Mr. Dealey enjoyed it.

**Chinaman Was Troublesome**—  
In the Jewel Theatre on Sunday night a Chinaman who was watching the pictures began to grow troublesome. He was apparently drunk or "dopy" and was ejected from the place. On the street he grew noisy and abusive and was arrested by Officer Linville and taken to the station. Yesterday morning he was released on \$10 bail, which he forfeited. A great crowd collected on the street when the man was being placed under arrest.

**Is Little Scarletina**—  
While there is considerable scarlet fever in Portland, and a sort of scare there about it, the disease seems to get no foothold in this city. Dr. Reames, the city health officer, said yesterday that there are only two cases in town now—the little Ziegler boys—and that they are getting along nicely. Apparently there is in need to feel the slightest apprehension here over the disease, though parents are advised to be very careful about letting their little ones run around too promiscuously.

**The Spur Completed**—  
Superintendent John McGuire, of the A. & C. Railroad Company, was in the city on Sunday, en route to his Portland office, from the coast line of the company. It was ascertained that the new spur running from the main line at Gearhart to the logging camp of Moore Brothers is fully completed and open to immediate service, and it is expected that there will be no delay on the part of the Moore Brothers in making big and paying use of the improvement, which is to be amplified by a log-way on the Skipanon from which their output will be placed in tidewater.

**Left Leg Broken**—  
Last evening about 6 o'clock Harry McClaine, who was driving a truck for the Prael-Elgner Company, after delivering a line of goods at the Commercial street store of S. L. Nanthrup, started to drive to the company's barns, and touched up his team with the whip. The horses lurched forward sharply and McClaine was thrown from his seat to the ground and the forewheel of the truck passed over his left leg, breaking the thigh. He was at once picked up and taken to St. Mary's hospital, where the services of Dr. J. A. Fulton were called for and the injured limb set, and the young man, who is 26 and of fine physique, is doing as well as one could wish under the circumstances.

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**Given Hours To Leave**—  
A young and well dressed man who gave his name as Edward Bell was in police court yesterday on a charge of being an idle and dissolute person. Bell is rather a nice looking young fellow, with nothing flashy about him. He came here from Seattle, he said, and for a time worked as night clerk in a hotel. Police officers made up their minds that Bell was trying to lead the life of a parasite and roped him in. There really was no case against him in court yesterday at all, but had he not felt guilty, or had he actually been what he tried to make out he unquestionably would have put an indignant "roar" that would have been heard all over town. Instead of that he meekly accepted the suggestion that he leave town in 24 hours.

**Y. M. C. A. Workers**—  
The "Young Men's Day" on Sunday in the Astoria churches proved a decided success, and not only were the meetings very well attended, but the congregations were interested and impressed by the discussions on the question of the Young Men's Christian Association. As a result of the meetings Sunday, and the general feeling on the subject among many men and women in the city, it is thought to be very likely that steps will be taken to start a branch of the association here. One of the ministers said last night that inside of two years there will be a Y. M. C. A. in Astoria. So wonderful has been the progress and growth of this institution all over the world in the past 10 or 15 years that it seems even extraordinary that there is not a branch of it in this city. In many cities of this size there are Y. M. C. A.'s with buildings that cost from a quarter of a million to a half million dollars, and probably there are few other towns as big as Astoria in the United States, if any, which have no Y. M. C. A.'s. As a rule the institution is supported earnestly by men of all creeds and men of no creeds. Twenty years ago the young man who belonged to a Y. M. C. A. was looked upon as being a mollicolddle sort of a fellow; today the brains and the brawn among the young men of the country may be found in its membership. Its aim is to develop young men spiritually, physically and mentally.

**Patients Leave Hospital**—  
Hans Hoim, the logger whose jaw was broken by a flying chain at the Pacific Logging Company's camp several weeks ago, left St. Mary's hospital yesterday. He lost quite a number of his teeth also, the injury being a serious one. Nick Starvich, a logger who was injured at Olson's camp on Deep River recently, by having a piece of steel forced into his knee, also left yesterday. A. Sund, of Deep River, was another that left yesterday. He had several of his toes frost bitten once and it was necessary to have them treated again. One of the familiar figures about St. Mary's for the past four or five months has been little Johnny Niemi, of Independence, a 14-year-old lad who suffered with an affliction of the hip. When he entered the hospital he was thin and sickly and hardly able to walk. Now he is growing fast, is chubby and happy and can walk as well as any other boy. Johnny is of a happy disposition and has been a favorite among the sisters and nurses.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. Marion Sloper, a leading farmer in the Walla Walla river country, Washington, arrived in the city on Sunday night, and is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. N. J. Judah.  
Capt. E. P. Parker, of this city, has returned from a brief sojourn at Collins Springs. He says the snow is too near the hotel doors up there yet for real comfort.  
Mrs. M. A. Cairns, and her daughter, Miss Alice, are in the city on a brief visit with kinsmen and friends.  
Giles B. Johnson, the well known A. & C. general agent here, was a passenger for Portland on Sunday evening's express, going up on company business.  
W. R. Marion, of Bay Center, yesterday and is domiciled at the Occident.  
Geo. W. Brown was another arrival here from Bay Centre on the Nahcotta yesterday.  
H. J. Hubler, of South Bend, reached this city yesterday, on a business trip.  
Ray Wheaton, of Raymond, is in the city on matters of business.  
Mrs. William Henry, of Nahcotta, is in the city, a guest at the Occident.  
T. G. Coleman, of Portland, was doing business in this city yesterday.  
Stanley Turner, of Boston, arrived here yesterday on the noon express on a business quest.  
Thad Young, of Portland, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.  
Charles R. Thorburn, of Portland, came down yesterday on a business trip.  
R. E. Atherton, of Portland, was in the city yesterday, and was domiciled at the Northern.  
J. K. Lamberton, of Spokane, reached this city yesterday, on matters of business and was quartered at the Merwyn.  
Herman Wise came home on last night's train from Portland where he had gone on business.

JOHN CHINAMAN TALKS OF HIS LOTTLYS

NO GRAFT, SAYS ONE—THERE IS, SAYS ANOTHER CELESTIAL.

"Chinese pay no money for protection—there is no graft in the lottery business—and besides there is no money in the lotteries for the seven companies which conduct them."  
Such, in brief, was the statement of Hop Yik, one of the leading Celestials of the city, yesterday. Mr. Yik dropped into the Astorian office yesterday on some trivial errand, and incidentally while there he was willing to talk about the Chinese lotteries.

Of course, they are running, he admitted—everyone knows that, but Yik protested high, low, jack and the game that no Chinese was being bilked by any set of white men into paying for protection of the games.  
Once they used to do so, when they paid \$25 monthly into the city treasury as fines, but since that time the Chinese have been left entirely alone, to run their lotteries as they see fit. Thus averred this man, who, is at the head of the leading tong, and consequently the head of the leading lottery. He also averred that there is no money in the business now; that the games are so small and so poorly patronized that really it hardly pays to keep them going. Only a few dollars come in; little bit of a game. Ten cents a chance—it would take a hundred chances a day to make up \$10. Not worth while bothering about.

"The police—no, they never stop. Policeman comes in, give him cigar. He say, how business? We say business poor."  
"Not much business?" he say.  
"No; business poor; take cigar," we say.

He take um, look at wrapper.  
"All right," he says, "smoke him after supper."

But why the policemen didn't stop the games the Chinese leader didn't explain very well.  
"Not worth while; games so little, business so poor, too much bother. Policeman don't stop games because not worth while bothering about."

Now, when a Celestial starts out to tell the truth, or to idly toy with the truth, as it were, there is no need of trying to get him to back or gee or haw. Past master of the art is he, at telling the truth—or in idly toying with the sacred proprieties of truth. Mr. Yik was absolutely convincing. He told the truth, all the truth, and nothing but the truth, so help him joss, and consequently there is no graft being paid by the seven tongs for protection.

But by one of those peculiar tricks of fate—which happen in story books as well as in actual life—another Chinese happened to be talking with another representative of the Astorian at the very same time. This was in another part of the city. By a most peculiar chance he happened to be talking about the same subject. And he—this other Chinese—told a story which did not agree with the story told by Mr. Yik. He said there is graft—but what he actually said is too good to tell now.

He also said that the Chinese merchants make big money; "five, six, seven thousand a year—out of lottly."  
Of course it is really too bad to have one prominent Celestial tell one story, and to have another equally prominent Celestial tell another story at the same time. It is apparent that both stories can't be true. The Astorian does not wish to interfere with John Chinaman and his lottly; as long as there is gambling going on in the city the Chinaman has as much right to run his games as do the white men. The position of the Astorian is well known—stop gambling, or let everyone gamble that wishes to. The present question is different. Grafting from poor Chinamen is a pretty low business and the Astorian proposes to stop it if it can, and it thinks it can—if there is grafting, and it thinks there is.

Meantime the police officers needn't worry; no one suspects them of getting anything—as long as they get good cigars no one will blame them for accepting them.  
Mr. Yik also said games stopped now. As a matter of fact the games ran as usual yesterday and last night. Fan tan stop. Lottly not stop.

The Human Appetite.

Of all the whimsical, shifting, unreliable, treacherous, exacting things in the world, the human appetite for the right thing to eat is, perhaps, the most unreasonable and imperious. There are those who humor it; others who defy it; and all men are more or less inclined to treat it with consideration. To find a place where these varying attitudes may be fostered, at the least cost in each case, and yet keep the appetite in proper and peaceful subjection, is always desirable information. One place that is conceded as perfectly adapted to this, is the Palace Restaurant, just opposite the Page building, on Commercial street, in this city. Try it once, and patronize it always; that is the rule of the Palace.

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A SIGNIFICANT ARREST MADE LAST NIGHT

TWO YOUNG PEOPLE RUN IN BY PATROLMAN LINVILLE UPON GRAVE CHARGE.

There was an arrest made in this city last night, by Patrolman Thomas Linville, that has a peculiar significance for the parents and guardians of young boys and girls, since it is the forerunner of a series of arrests that are to be made by the officers generally. Chief Oberg having decided to put an end to the reckless and ruinous intercourse of young people in this city, who are allowed far too much license in their coming and going after nightfall.

For some time Officer Linville has had his official eye upon a young man by the name of Henry Baack, who is at present doing duty as a boot-black, who has been once under police supervision and compelled to leave the city as a medium for escaping a heavy penalty for man-handling a Chinaman with a piece of gaspipe, and who has lately been working up a dangerous intimacy with a young girl by the name of Rosie Nequist whom he had enticed to his room in the Boy City House on Tenth street, and where they were found last night by that officer, under circumstances that warranted their instant arrest.

At the police station the girl confessed to her undoing by Baack and admitted enough to render her a subject for far better care than she seems to have had at home; though those with whom she is living (a sister and brother-in-law), have trusted her implicitly and allowed her a leeway that has apparently been grossly abused. They are a very respectable young couple and have sought to do their whole duty by the orphan sister under her charge and have failed only in permitting her an undue freedom of movement after dark; a condition that is far too prevalent in this city and which has grown to such a pass that police intervention has become imperative, and it is to be pursued.

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until there is a radical change in the habits of certain young folks hereabout.

The young man in question is but 19 years of age, and the girl 16, and their story is but a replica of the tale that is woefully frequent in this day and age. Steps will be taken today to put an end to the trouble that attaches in this case, and in such fashion as shall be a warning to other misguided youngsters in and about Astoria.

Both are in durance at the city hall, both are deeply conscious of the fact that a limit is to be set against their further contact, and that a test is to be made of their case, for their own redemption, as well as for the benefit of many others; and the issue in police court this afternoon will be awaited with interest by all interested in the safety of Astoria's young people, and not the least concerned in the matter is Chief Oberg and his officers.

Chamber of Commerce

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night the manager, Mr. Whyte, in discussing the question of the common point suit filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, said that while the Farmers' Union of the Inland Empire are anxious and willing to carry on the matter, that nevertheless Astoria is expected to finance the matter. What the cost will be cannot now be foretold, but it is not likely to be a very great sum. Very little of interest arose for discussion last night, except that one of the members said he knew of his own knowledge that a new saw mill stands ready to commence business here at once if a bonus of \$2000 is raised. The matter will be looked into at once, probably. It was said the mill would employ from 50 to 60 men to start with. It was also announced that the brick plant is now in excellent shape and is going ahead finely. Thus far the sum of \$85 per month has been pledged for the coming year for the

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